

# Robb Report

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## 7 Standout Wines That Showcase the Delicious Power of Single-Vineyard Varietals

**The vintners behind these wines chase perfection by teasing out the taste of a very particular patch of dirt.**



### Gary Farrell Vineyards & Winery

Under winemaker Theresa Heredia, Gary Farrell's single-vineyard Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs are focused, elegant, and expressive of great Russian River Valley sites. Heredia, in fact, believes the Russian River Valley is absolutely capable of putting up wines against any in the world. "The key is cool breezes and fog from the nearby Pacific Ocean blanket," she says. And Heredia has continued with, and expanded on, great vineyard sources accessed through handshake deals by founder Gary Farrell himself.

The Gary Farrell 2017 Chardonnay from the famed Olivet Lane Vineyard (\$45), planted in 1975 and known for cool temperatures, regular fog, and well-drained soils, delivers oyster-shell minerality and warm spice under sweet apple, a gamut of citrus, and white nectarine with a cool-weather balance of savory notes and vivid textural tension. The 2017 Chard from the Rochioli Vineyard (\$65) is perfumed with jasmine, Asian spice, and pear, with apple flavors morphing to peach and creamy citrus on the palate, finishing with wet-stone minerality.